REMARKS

In this communication, Applicants have amended paragraphs [0009] and [0075] to correct typographical errors related to sequence ID numbers as suggested by Examiner Riggins in a telephone conversation with Alexey Saprigin (Reg. # 56,439) on November 15, 2005. No new matter has been added.

SEQUENCE LISTING

In this communication, Applicants have amended the sequence listing. Particular amendments to the sequence listing are as follows:

- 1) Applicants have added Sequence ID No. 57 corresponding OBS sequence. The application as filed contains the OBS sequence in paragraph [0075]. Therefore, no new matter has been added.
- 2) Applicants have corrected sense/antisense annotation in Sequence ID No. 54 of loxP1 regions, at positions 1050 and 5710, and lox 511, at positions 1130 and 5790, as suggested by Examiner Riggins in a telephone conversation with Alexey Saprigin (Reg. # 56,439) on November 15, 2005. No new matter has been added.
- 3) Applicants have replaced G by A in Sequence ID No. 53 corresponding to lox511 region. The error in presenting the sequence ID No. 53 occurred inadvertently. Applicants respectfully note that those of ordinary skill in the art knew lox511 region sequence prior to the filing date as evidenced by Hoess et. al. (1986) Nucl. Acids Res. 14:2287-2300.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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